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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - TURKEY AND CHINA

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Most Tuesday morning papers gave front-page coverage to Monday's flash flood in a river in Kobe that killed four people.

¶2. "Acts of Terrorism Fan Political Anxiety" The liberal Asahi's correspondent wrote from Ankara (7/29): "...While the motives behind Monday's series of bombings in Istanbul remain unclear, some have mentioned the possible involvement of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK). The incident exposes the dilemma facing Turkey, which is confronted simultaneously with a deep-seated threat from Islamic fundamentalists and ethnic confrontation."

¶3. "Will Beijing Olympics Be Safe?" On the recent outbreak of social unrest and bombings across China ahead of the Beijing Olympics, the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri editorialized (7/29): "The bombings were almost surely carried out by Uyghurs seeking independence. China is paying a price for its ethnic minority policy of prioritizing the Han people's movement into the provinces and their economic development at the expense of the religious and cultural aspects of minority ethnic groups.... The current situation in China appears to be worsening in defiance of the hope for improved human rights expressed by the International Olympic Committee in 2001 when it awarded the Games to Beijing."

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